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1. The Soviet Oil Administration (SMV) has just awarded a 10,200,000 schilling contract to the USIA-controlled construction firm, Vianova Bau A.G., Vienna IV, Argentinierstrasse 2, which has agreed to erect eight large drilling towers and to complete construction of macadam and concrete roads in the Moosbierbaum area by July 1951.*
2. The SMV has authorized Vianova Bau A.G. to expend 15 percent of the funds allocated for this construction work to purchase heavy road building equipment urgently needed by this USIA firm. At the same time Vianova Bau officials are trying to rent additional equipment, particularly heavy road scrapers and excavators from other USIA firms.**

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that the SMV is also preparing to build a new cracking plant for crude oil at Moosbierbaum. Plant foundations are to be laid by another USIA construction firm, Weberland Hoch-Tief-u. Strassenbau A.G., which is confronted with a similar shortage of modern construction equipment.

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